

Attorney Docket No.: VN-169R1

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Rangan et al. )

Serial No.: 09/173,582 )

Filed: October 15, 1998 )

Examiner: Ton, D. )

For: DATA COMMUNICATION )  
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PORT, CASCADE PORT AND/OR )  
FRAME SYNCHRONIZING )  
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Group Art Unit: 2732

**OFFICIAL**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed February 1, 2000. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0251 in the amount of \$110.00 for the extension fee.

An Amendment responsive to the outstanding Office Action is being filed simultaneously herewith.

Please charge any additional fees due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0251. Two additional copies of this sheet are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this Amendment After Final (11 pages) is being sent via facsimile transmission to the USPTO, Group 2732, fax no. (703) 305-2188, directed to Examiner Dang Ton, on the below date of transmission.				
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